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Subject: MLPAComments: Adoption of a science-based network of marine protected areas

As a docent at the Pt. Lobos State Reserve, I have come to realize how important it is to protect our oceans. I also now understand that a patchwork of ocean areas does not provide the kind of protection that is necessary and that a network of Marine Protected Areas is necessary. At Pt. Lobos specifically, that means expanding the marine reserve to include the head of the Carmel Canyon. I urge you to support the adoption of a science-based network of marine protected areas.

I also urge you to adopt Package 2 (Package AC) as a balanced approach to marine protection that improves existing protection and is fair to the fishing community by leaving most of the coast open to fishing.

Sincerely,
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